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In re application of: ARTHUR ALLEN COUCH

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For: TRENCH SHIELD LADDER

Examiner: HUGH B. THOMPSON II

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ACTION OF OCTOBER 14, 2004**

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of October 14, 2004, please amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1- 11 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected objected to claims 2-5 and 7-11 because of the following informalities: in line 1 of each claim, "A" should read --The--, and in line 2, "Claim" should read --claim--. Applicant has made the appropriate corrections to each of these claims.

Claims 5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because it is unclear which of the two the shield walls applicant